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## **Disability Commission Minutes 10/19/05**

### **ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2005**

**Members Present:** Lin Baker, Tom Boudreau, Barbara Cutler, Joseph Giurleo,  
Barbara Jones, Kevin O'Brien, Maureen St. Hilaire

**Members Absent:** Susan James, Louis Krodel

**Staff Present:** Jack Jones

#### **Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2005:**

Tom made a motion seconded by Joe to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2005. SO VOTED

#### **Dallin School Construction:**

Jack said that Lin, Stephan Chaires, Joey Glushko, and himself completed a preliminary survey of accessibility features at the Dallin School. Jack said that on November 23, 2005 a complete accessibility survey would be done at the Dallin School. Jack said that Bruce Bruno, Community Services Project Coordinator from the Massachusetts Office on Disability, Stephan Chaires, Project Coordinator from D.R.A. Associates, Michael Byrne, Arlington Building Inspector and himself would conduct the November 23, 2005 survey.

Jack said that the Dallin School would be substantially completed by mid November with classes scheduled to begin at the school on January 3, 2006.

#### **Town Day:**

Tom, Barbara C., Lin, Maureen and Jack reported to the Commission on Town Day 2005, which they all agreed was a success. Jack thanked Barbara C. for the use of her canopy at Town day and also for her efforts in producing the Annual Arlington Commission on Disability Town Day Newsletter.

#### **September 29, 2005 Curb Cut Training:**

Jack said that about seventy people participated in the Curb Cut Training. Brian Sullivan, Arlington Town Manager, welcomed participants to the training that was conducted by the Massachusetts Office on Disability and the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board and hosted by the Arlington Commission on Disability. Jack said that approximately two hours were spent during the training in a classroom type setting with the last hour spent in the field taking measurements of completed curb cuts.

#### **Peirce Elementary School Ramp:**

Jack said that the slope of the circular ramp at the Peirce Elementary School has been regraded to conform to AAB guidelines requiring the slope of a ramp to be no greater than 8.3%.

#### **Massachusetts Avenue Curb Cut Project:**

Jack said that \$42,387.74 has been expended this calendar year for curb cut work along Massachusetts Avenue. Jack said that \$18,275.88 remains in the budget for future curb ramp work. Kevin said that this week curb ramps will be installed at the corner of Central Street and Massachusetts Avenue.

**Legislative Update:**

Barbara C. talked about legislation that has been filed and is before the Education Committee at the State House that would protect people with disabilities from professional use of pain and deprivation. Barbara C. said that this legislation has been before the legislature for twenty years but has not yet been passed into law. Barbara C. also talked about Medicaid cuts that citizens continue to be concerned about.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.